CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1987 AT 9:00 A.M. IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), Vice-Dean P. Albert, Dr. F. Bird, Dr. P. Fazio, Dr. D. Pariser, Dr. P. Shizgal, R. Stoller, Dr. C.Y. Suen, Dean M.N.S. Swamy, Dean M. Szabo, A.J. Williams, Stella Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent:

Dr. J. Doukas, H. Fotouhinia, Dean R. Parker, Dr. C. Ross

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

SRC-87-04-09-D-14 GENERAL RESEARCH GRANTS DISTRIBUTION 1985-86/ 1986-87

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee Meeting of March 5, 1987 be approved.

II. DR. MEL MACLEOD, KILLAM FOUNDATION

2.1 Mr. MacLeod informed Committee about the Foundation's functions and provided background on the prizes and fellowships available to faculty.

2.2 Mr. MacLeod mentioned that Concordia faculty should be encouraged to participate in Killam program.

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III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A/ Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

3.1 For members' information, Ms. Williams noted a new agreement between FCAR and the Minister of Transport under Actions Concertées with particular emphasis on the Québec Highway System. Additional information is available from the Office of Research Services.

3.2 Ms. Williams announced that there has been a 13,9% overall increase of NSERC funds over last year awarded to Concordia researchers.

3.3 Document SRC-87-04-09-D14 was distributed to Committee showing the breakdown and distribution of general research grants for 1985/86 and 1986/87.

B/ Foreign student support by NSERC

3.1 Chair referred to two letters from NSERC; one from the President, Dr. A.W. May, and the other from the Director of Research Grants, Ms. Janet E. Halliwell regarding the above item.

3.2 It was noted that Concordia is one of three universities in Canada exceeding the NSERC policy on the payment of foreign graduate students from NSERC funds.

3.3 Chair suggested that perhaps NSERC should not look at universities as a whole, but rather at research domains, e.g. Engineering & Computer Science where there is a critical shortage of post-graduate students due to the attractive job market.

3.4 A general philosophy of support for graduate students will be discussed at the next Senate Research Committee meeting.

IV. INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH FUNDS

4.1 In discussion of document SRC-87-03-05-D11, Chair suggested Committee examine three areas:

a) Does the document identify sources and uses of research funds? Have kinds of expenditures been partitioned correctly re: normal and special channels?

b) Is the list of items adequate? Are there other areas of expenditure to add? Should items be prioritized?

c) Is division proposed between setting general policy of Senate Research Committee and local responsibility for special decision in five areas appropriate?

4.2 Document was discussed at length. Members to submit written version of suggested revision to Chair prior to a rewrite of the document.

V. GRADUATE BURSARIES VS. GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS (overhead implications)

This item to be carried over to next Senate Research Committee Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.